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1. PROF. MIETTUNEN OF FINNISH PUGWASH COMMITTEE ON MAY 3 GAVE HIS INTERPRETATION OF SOVIET CANCELLATION OF PARTICIPATION IN PUGWASH REGIONAL MEETING ON ARCTIC (REF A). MIETTUNEN BASING HIS JUDGMENT ON CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIET SCIENTISTS IN HOLLAND ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO.

2. MIETTUNEN SAID HE INFERS DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AT HIGHEST LEVEL IN USSR TO RESTRICT SOVIET CONTACTS WITH US AT LOWER LEVELS ON STRATEGIC MATTERS AS RESULT OF PROBLEMS CAUSED USSR BY US SALT PROPOSALS. PARTICULARLY DISTURBING SEEMED TO BE US PROPOSAL FOR DEEP CUTS IN HEAVY MISSILES, REQUIRING SOVIETS JUNK SOME OF THEIR LATEST WEAPONS IN WHICH HEAVY INVESTMENT MADE. MIETTUNEN WAS GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND BY SOVIET CONTACTS THAT SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN ARCTIC SYMPOSIUM HAD BEEN CANCELLED PURSUANT TO ABOVE HIGH-LEVEL DECISION.
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